CURRENT COMMENT.

THE report that King Milan had been divorced is denied.

EMPEROR WILLIAM, of Germany, receives almost daily letters containing \$22,474.788. Senstor Turple then addressed the threats against his life.

CHARLESTON, S. C., is talking about having a million dollar hotel, a steamship line to Baltimore and a public

THE Canadian police have arrested in Toronto the notorious counterfeiter ing. In order to break the deadlock the House Johnson, who escaped from the United adjourned. States authorities in Detroit three weeks ago.

A VERDICT of acquittal was rendered in the case of the United States against ex-Chief Customs Inspector Irwin A. of postage on seeds and bulbs at two cents a Gardner, charged with smuggling pound. The remainder of the session was deopium at Portland. Ore.

During the past year no less than Trammel.

Paris police recently raided the house of the director of an Orleanist letter addressed by the Comte de Paris to Conservative mayors throughout France. The letter was declared to be treasonable.

MORMON CHURCH agents have turned farm near Salt Lake, 1,110 acres, valued at \$150,000. Further large amounts of property are expected to be reclaimed within a few days in Government proceedings against Mormon Church property.

THE total cost of the Republican National convention was \$30,600. A deficit of \$700 existed. The three largest items of expenses were \$7,000 to the Auditorium Association for hall | 3d to have taken a relapse, while on board rent; \$2,975 for electric lighting and the Swatara. \$5,000 for entertaining members of the National convention.

In the case of Joseph M. Chase, Senator Cullom's coachman, indicted at seriously ill in his Washington house with Washington for manslaughter in caus- fever and inflammation of the bowels. March 31 last by recklessly driving in- for Congress. to him and his bicycle, the jury remotion for a new trial was given.

GRACE GREENWOOD says that all Parisian women are not frivolous, any more than all Boston women are profound. She does not believe that Angle-Saxons enjoy a monopoly of home virtues and practical piety, and of General Sheridan were reported the next she does believe that the great major- day to have subsided. ity of French wives are loyal, French mothers tender, French grandmothers and elderly maiden ladies devout.

OTTO LUEGER, the State Entomologist, has returned from the scene of olis on the 4th. the grasshopper invasion in the northern part of Minnesota and says the efforts at destroying the insects have tacked by so many parasites that their future invasion is quite improbable.

During the last fiscal year the number of post-offices established was 3,-364; discontinued, 1,642; fourth class postmasters resigned and successors appointed, 6,139; number removed, 1,-224; whole number appointed, 11,852; resigned and successors appointed, 382; number removed, 20; whole number of Presidential postmasters changed during the year, 436.

THE marriage in New York of the Duke of Marlborough created considerable talk in London and immediately | Synod. raised the question whether his Grace and his new wife would be received at court. The question was speedily decided, however, by the unofficial, though none the less authorative, an- lic money. nouncement that the Queen would not receive them, divorced persons of whatever rank being tabooed by her Majesty.

Advices from the Congo country, May 27, have been received. The Rock Springs, Va. camp at Arudwhimi is almost wholly without provisions, and the men are suffering severely from lack of food and swamp fevers. Several skeletons taken by Stanley, probably the consequences of fights with the natives. Major Bartellot, believing that Stanley was five hundred miles beyond the camp in the direction of Khartoum, has been destroyed by fire, causing a loss was making preparations to make his of 1,000,000 francs. Nobody was injured. way to him.

PATENTS to agricultural lands entered under the various public land laws have been issued by the General vessel is not leaking. One hundred tons Land-office during the fiscal year as of coal have been discharged, and the guns follows: Cash entries, 29,692; homestead, 15,592; timber culture, 1,343; desert land, 30; scrip, 523; total, 47,-180. There were also issued 1.034 pat- lighted it, at Indianapolis, Ind. Before he drowned. ents to mineral lands, 114 patents to could leave the spot the can exploded, tearcoal lands and 59 patents to private ing off the top of his head and killing him lands under grants. Patents during the fiscal year were issued as follows: boat went through the rapids at Niagara Levi P. Morton. Agricultural lands, 24,558; mineral, Falls on the 4th. The boat turned upside A Salvation Army captain named Davis 1,489; coal, 58; private, 260; total, down three times in passing the worst spot was drowned recently while bathing at Presidential offices.

26,340. THE Department of Agriculture's report on the fruit prospects this year port on the fruit prospects this year lowa, recently, destroyed several small says that 1888 being numerically an houses, wrecked a circus and ruined many even year, should be a favorable season | crops. for apples, and the fruit returns of the the Middle States. The outlook is less twenty-four hours after and found the bodfavorable in Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia than any other part of the United States Supreme Court in the case on the 7th. country. The condition of the peach of James Albert Newsome, who was concrop is generally reported lower than victed in the Federal Court at Waco, Tex., The Tariff bill was before the House. An pay the expenses of maintaining such

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESSIONAL

THE Senate on July 2 concurred in the conference report on the Legislative Appropriation bill. After the passage of several res-olutions referring more specially to local mat-ters the River and Harbor bill was taken up, and after a long discussion the amendmen abolishing the Missouri River Commission was disagreed to, and after several amendments had been made the bill passed. It appropriates Senate on the President's message and tariff reform, at the close of which the Senate went into executive session and then adjourned until Thursday In the House Mr. Anderson, of Iowa, introduced a bill providing for the control and regulation of certain railroads. The bill is very long, and Mr. Anderson, in order to antaponize the passage of the Union Pacific Funding bill, demanded the reading of his bill in full. This occupied several hours, when he offered another long bill and demanded its read-

THE Senate was not in session on the 3d. .The conference report on the Post-office Appropriation bill was presented and non-concurrence recommended to the Senate amendment appropriating \$200,000 to provide a more efficient mail service with South and Central America; also the amendment fixing the rate voted to the consideration of the iron schedule of the Tariff bill. Adjourned until Thursday. In the Senate on the 5th the conference report on the Agricultural Appropriation bill

seventeen Deputy United States Mar- was presented and Senator Plumb spoke in fa shals have been shot and killed in the shown that shall have been shot and killed in the \$100,000 for continuing the sorghum sugar exper-Creek Nation, Indian Territory. Of iment. A further conference was asked on this these three were killed last week, John item. Senator Plumb also presented an amend-Phillips, Hector Thomas and John ment which he proposed to of fer to the Sundry Civil bill, ap propriating \$3,000 for a monument at the National Cemetery at Mound City, Kan. Ad-

journed until Monday In the House, after the expiration of the morning hour, the Land-Grant Forfeiture bill was taken up and consid printing establishment and seized a er-dat length. Many amendments were offered, large number of copies of a circular but when a vote on its passage was reached no quorum voted and the House adjourned, leaving the bill as unfinished business. THE Senate was not in session on the 6th.

... In the House several conference reports were presented and the Land-Grant Forfeiture bill passed by a vote of 177 yeas to 8 nays. The House then resumed consideration of the Tariff bill in Committee of the Whole, and a long talk over to receiver Dyer the noted Church | was the result. At the evening session twenty pension bills passed. Adjourned.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL THE Postmaster-General has written letter to the President formally protesting against the proposition made by the Civil-Service Commission to extend the classifled service so as to include the railway

postal service. THE end of a National sensation was reached when the celebrated criminal likel case of ex-Postmaster-General Vilas against William Welch, was discontinued. GENERAL SHERIDAN Was reported on the

CHARLES A. ASHBURNER, of the United States Geological Survey, has received an offer from the Shah of Persia to take charge of the Persian engineering corps. CONGRESSMAN THOMAS, of Illinois, is lying

THE Republicans of the First Vermont the death of Prof. E. A. Paul on district have renominated John W. Stewart

THE Liberal successes in the municipal turned a verdict of guilty. Notice of elections in Italy have alarmed the Vatican. The Pope, who is opposed to the intervention of the clergy, will counsel them to abstain from future elections.

GENERAL GEORGE C. ROGERS, of Kansas, a member of the Board of Pension Appeals in the Interior Department, has been dismissed, and James Lacey, of Missouri, has been appointed to the vacancy. THE alarming symptoms in the sickness

DELEGATES from at least 400 Democratic clubs gathered in convention at Baltimore,

Md., on the 4th. THE National Republican Committee formally notified General Harrison of his nomination for the Presidency at Indianap-

JOHN MARTIN, of Shawnee, has been nominated by the Kansas Democrats for the Governorship. The other candidates nominated were: Lieutenant-Governor, H. been so successful that that least a half Miles Moore, of Leavenworth; Secretary, yield may be expected. The fact has Allen G. Thurman, of Parsons; State Audbeen revealed that each insect is at- iter, W. H. Wilhite, of Paola; State Treasurer, W. H. White, of Council Grove; Attorney-General, C. F. Diffenbacher, of Great Bend; Superintendent of Public Instruction, C. M. Cole, of Phillipsburg; Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, W.

> P. Campbell, of Wichita. THE American party of California beld its State convention on the 5th and elected delegates to the National convention.

REV. DR. W. F. NICHOLS, of Philadelphia recently elected Assistant Bishop of the number of Presidential postmasters | Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, has declined on the ground that his duty calls on him to continue his present labors. THE O'Donnell libel suit against the Lon

don Times ended in favor of the newspaper. Egan declared the letters connecting him with the murder conspiracies were "villainous concoctions." KING MILAN, of Servia, has been do

vorced from Queen Natalie by the Church other day. Loss, \$750,000.

will probably leave in a day or two for

Vicar-General of the Roman Catholic Dio- | before fourteen. cese of Chicago.

MATOR HEWITT, of New York, declares New York for Europe the other afternoon have been discovered along the route that he will not accept a nomination from to be gone about two months. the American or any other party for the

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE Theater des Bouffes, at Bordeaux, A DISPATCH from Christina, Norway, of the 4th says: The United States war ship Enterprise ran on the Mole, off Droebak, to day, colliding with a great crush. There was no pilot on board at the time. The have been shifted aft to lighten her stem. George Jones, a twelve-year old boy, on the 4th leaded an old tomato can with powder and, attaching a shaving as a fuse,

instantly. A CRANK named Flack with his phantom and stayed in the pool upside down. Flack

was undoubtedly killed, as he was strapped WIND and rain in and about Algona.

LIGHTNING struck the house of Ole Olestad, ten miles north of Hunter, Dak., the Haverhill, Mass., containing a hotel and Colorado, the name of the consolidated orseason show generally a good pros- other night, killing Olestad and his wife. several stores, was destroyed by fire the pect in every important fruit section, especially in New England and by neighbors who forced an entrance, \$90,000.

ies of the parents. A wait of error has been granted by the fled at his residence at Rhinebeck, N. Y., that of apples, but in the most impor-tant States the reverse of this seems to he true.

The Tariff bill was before the House. An pay the forth San Angelo stage robberies. It was generally believed that the wrong man was convicted, and a petition for pardon was signed by several of the jurors.

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An expedition is being formed at Berlin for the relief of Emin Bey.

An electric street railway has been completed and opened at Little Rock, Ark. THE business portion of Lake City, Mich., was destroyed by fire on the 4th, two blocks being burned down. The loss was \$75,000;

nsurance light. THREE balloonists were dragged out to sea at Boston on the 4th. They were rescued by a steam yacht, after an extremely

WHILE 300 or 400 people were seated in Yalobusha County (Miss.) Fair Association on the 4th, the supports gave way without warning and the structure fell to killed outright.

THE severest rain, hail, thunder and lightning storm experienced in Scranton, Pa., for many years prevailed on the 5th. Bartholomew Reagan and John Armstrong were struck by lightning and killed. The rain fell in torrents, choking the sewers and flooding the streets and cellars.

A DISASTROUS fire broke out at Marysrille, O., early on the morning of the 5th in the block in which the most valuable business houses in the city were located. Loss was \$200,000; insurance, \$90,000. HARRY C. TUCKER and his father and sis-

ter were drowned in Lake Johanna, near St. Paul, Minn., recently by their boat cap-THREE men were arrested recently and taken to Chicago, charged with being in a conspiracy to wreck trains and destroy

property on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. Dynamite was found in their possession and a card of membership of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. THE business portion of Maumee, O., was destroyed by fire the other morning. Loss, \$100,000. Cause, firecrackers.

THE disorders at Seoul, Corea, have been ended. They were caused by stories that foreign cannibals had abducted native THE monument to Francis Scott Key, the

gift of the late James Lick to the city of San Francisco, was unvailed on the 4th. Eleven of Key's descendants were present. Four of the principal business houses of Durango, Col., were destroyed by fire on the 4th. Loss, \$50,000. THE war on dressed beef and packing

house products still continues with unabated vigor and there is no immediate prospect of a settlement. It is generally conceded by freight men that the rates will yet go lower and that the rates on other commodities will be cut before very

Gus Bogues, aged nineteen, was hanged at Fort Smith. Ark., on the 6th for the murder of William Morgan in the Creek Nation last year. SOLOMON NELSON and E. C. Hedberg were

drowned in Belle creek near Cannon Falls. Minn., the other day while repairing a bridge, the latter falling into the water and the former going to his rescue. Nelson was a prominent business man. Business failures (Dun's report) for the

seven days ended June 5 numbered for the United States, 192; Canada, 22; total, 214. compared with 201 the previous week and 154 the corresponding week last year. As a coal train was passing through the village of Dayton, N. J., recently it was struck by a cyclone and Conductor John Dyer, of Trenton, with two of the trainmen were blown from the train and fatally

REPORTS have been received of the killing of three Illinois runaway lads in the Seminole country by Indians. The boys had previously killed an Indian. NEARLY 40,000 Italian immigrants arrived

at Castle Garden during the past six

months. Many of them are in a destitute, even starving, condition in New York. J. W. Brown, the alleged polygamist recently arrested in Chicago, was arraigned at Detroit, Mich., in the case of marrying Mary Benjamin, pleaded not guilty and was remanded to jail. It is now stated Brown has been married no less than thirtytwo times, and many of his dupes are expected to be present at the trial.

FIRE destroyed \$150,000 worth of propery in New York on the morning of the 7th, reaking out in the Century office, East Eighteenth street.

A CONSTRUCTION train on the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern road was wrecked recently near Joliet, Ill., by obstructions on the track. Three Italian laborers were killed. Engineer Wright was fatally scalded. By a collision between passenger trains near Nanticoke, Pa., the other day one

fireman was seriously and thirty passengers slightly hurt. THE Russian Government has signed the convention for the abolition of sugar boun-

ARTICLES of incorporation of the Memphis, Little Rock & Indian Territory Railroad Company have been filed in Arkansas;

capital stock, \$4,600,000. A BATTERY of boilers at the tannery of A. & J. Groetsinger, on River avenue, Al-

legheny City, Pa., exploded recently, wrecking several buildings and seriously injuring six persons, three fatally.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

CLEARING house returns for week ended July 7 showed an increase of 1.1. In New York there was a decrease of 7.7. MANY shops in the market place of Athens, Greece, were destroyed by fire the

In the course of a recent address before THE President vetoed another private the Anti-Poverty Society at New York Dr. pension bill on the 5th, and in doing so re- McGlynn is reported to have said: "Some marked that the abuses perpetrated in pri- day there will be a tremendous revolution vate pension legislation were an injustice | which will eclipse the French uprising and to the worthy veterans and a waste of pub- in which the people will rise up in their wrath at the interferences of their dic-ATTORNEY-GENERAL GARLAND has re- tators, and bayonet and club these monks, turned to his residence in Washington from and priests, and Archbishops, the Pope a brief visit to the lower Potomac. He is and Cardinals. This is the way the Lord improved in health but is still too weak to will deal with them; so I may leave them resume his duties at the department. He to His mercy." This was wildly cheered.

A MOVEMENT is reported to have assumed extensive proportious in India for reform It is reported that Rev. Father Thomas in child marriages. In Rajpootana no male F. Mangan, of Joliet, Ili., will be appointed as to be married before eighteen nor female JUDGE WALTER Q. GRESHAM sailed from

> A serious rain and hail storm was re ported in the vicinity of Buffalo, Wyo., or

> he afternoon of the 8th. Since the Chicago convention a truce has been effected between ex-Senator Mahone and Senator Riddleberger by which their long standing personal differences have been laid aside sufficiently to allow them to work in harmony for the success of the Republican electoral ticket

in Virginia. THE steamer Ville de Brest, belonging to the General Trans-Atlantic Company, collided with and sunk the steamer Charles Quint, belonging to the same company, near Havre, France, recently. The captain of the Quint and four of the crew were

for the erection of the reduced copy of Barthel it's statue of "Liberty" in New York harbor, which was presented by Hou.

THE Paris corporation has voted £3,600

DAVID JULIAN, a brakeman, was killed by the wreck of a tram at a landslide two bave been discontinued. miles south of Lafayette, Ind., on the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago. The

engineer and fireman were terribly in-THE Academy of Music building at

PEVI P. MORTON, the Republican nominee for Vice-President, was formally noti-THE Senate was not in session on the 7th.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

The Democratic Convention. The Democratic State convention at Leavenworth completed its work by selecting the following Presidential electors: At large, B. J. Sheridan, of Mismi County; J. L. Grider, of Sumner County. First district, B. A. Sever, of Doniphan County; Second district, C. E. Benton, of Allen County; Third district, E. A. Scammon, of Cherokee County: Fourth district, John E. Watrous, of Coff y County; Fifth disthe grand stand on the grounds of the trict, W. C. Buchanan, of Ottawa County; Sixth district, W. B. Covington, of Phillips County; Seventh district, B. F. Milton, of Ford County. The State Central Comthe ground. Several persons were se mittee by judicial districts is as fol-riously injured, one tatally, but no one was lows: First district, James Horon, Leavenworth; Second, R. B Morris, Atchison; Third. A. J. Arnold, Shawnee; Fourth, E. D. Thompson, Deuglas; Fifth, J. M. McCowan, Lyon; Sixth, J. M. Galloway. Bourbon; Seventh, S. G. Isett, Neosho; Fighth, Henry Litts, Dickinson; N nth, J. L. Francis, Harvey; Teath, B. J. Sheridan, Miami; Eleventh, C. A. Chandler, Montgemery; Twelfth, William Tangman, Cloud; Fourteenth, J. R. Callett, Elisworth; Fifteenth, L. C. Ulen, Smith; Sixteenth, W. E. Carver, Pawnee; Seventeenth, W. A. Frazier, Decatur; Eighteenth, S. T. Major, Sedgwick; Nineteenth, Luke Herrington, Summer; Twentieth, J. V. Brinkman, Great Bend; Twenty-first, John A. Wall, Wabaunsee; Twenty-second, Albert Perry, Doniphan; Twentythird, Cornelius Henley, Eilis; Twentyfourth, E. P. Carruthers, Barber; Twentyfifth, J. G. Johnson, Marion; Twenty-sixth, P. W. Morgan, Greenwood; Twenty-seventh, Joseph Dillon, Kearney; Twentycighth, W. A. Eaton, Kingman; Twentyninth, Frank Mapes, Wyandotte. The committee met and organized by electing Edward Carroll president, John M. Galloway secretary and John Hannon treasurer. Hon. H. Miles Mcore, nominee for Lieutenant-Governor, appeared bafore the committee and gave his reasons for declining the nomination, and the name of Hon. Fred W. Frastus, of Cloud County, was selected to fill the vacancy.

Miscellaneous.

RAILWAY post-office service has been established on the line of the Missouri Pacific railway between Wichita and Kiowa, a distance of eighty-four miles.

THE wheat harvest is completed and in the Kansas river valley west of Topeka the average yield is thirty bushels an acre. Plenty of rain fell during June, greatly benefitting both corn and oats.

J. E. McClure, of Valley, Kan., was recently killed in a mine at Webb City, Mo. In descending into the mine he was suffocated by foul air, fell to the bottom and was killed. He leaves a wife and one

THE claim-jumper who tried to steal

Judge Bailey's homestead by contesting it could not find a lawyer in Garden City who would accept a fee and take his case, which was finally dismissed without a hearing. PENSIONS recently granted the following Kansans: Original, invalid, George W. Robinson, Antrim; Joseph S. Graves, Independence; Isaac B. Eilison, South Haven; Daniel D. Burnett, Lane; Jehu Nicklin, Emporia; William Smith, Portis; Orlando F. Vale, Larned; Elisha Weirr, Leavenworth; John H. Lomas, Hiawatha; Thomas J. Matlock, Burrton; James R. Duncan, Mortimer; Martin R. Phillippi, Independence; Edward A. Clark, Sun City; John H. Wolever, Fredonia; Morris Wentz, Piedmont. Increase, Dan Markham, Walnut Station; James Cooper, Redfield; Jesse Reynolds, Nickerson; Charles S. Martin, Osage City. Reissue, Thomas E. Marcy. Blue Rapids. Original, widows, etc., Mary A. Johnson, former widow of Lee Yingling, Wyandotte; minors of Lee Yingling, Wyandotte and Pittsburgh; Mary E., widow of William Puckett, Rosedale; minors of Gilbert N. Sims, Wilmington; Harriett M.

Witmington. Mexican survivors, reissue, William E. Row, Baxter Springs; John Judson, Ottawa. Mexican widow, Mary M., widow of G les Wells, Furmersburgh. THE farmers of Finney County are having trouble with one of their ditch companies, which refuses to let the water run to those who gave liberally to construct it. These farmers planted crops expecting to

Dutcher, former widow of Gilbert N. Sims,

get water, and will sue the company for damages. THE Kansas Farmer recently published reports from seventy counties of the State, which showed a very good condition of things generally among the farmers. Wheat is the best since 1881 and is about all harvested and saved. Heavy yields are reported in many cases and the average will be fully equal to that of the best year -twenty-two bushels to the acre. The corn acreage is the largest ever reported in any one year in the State's history, and the stand and condition are reported good

in every part of the State. LESLIE STILLWELL, twelve years of age. was found dead on the prairie about eight miles south of Scott City the other day. His head was crushed and his body mangled. He had gone out to picket somo ponies, became entangled in the ropes and the ponies becoming unmanageable ran

away and killed him. DR. STRINGFIELD, formerly a resident of Topeks, and who "the boys" had lots of fun out of by bringing him out for Governor some years ago, was recently arrested at Chicago upon the complaint of a young woman that he attempted a criminal assault upon her when she visited his office

for professional treatment. A LATE circular issued by the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture says: Of the acreage of wheat harvested the average yield per acre of the State is estimated at 17% bushels, being 2% bushels higher than estimated a month ago, indicating a total wheat product for the State of 17,500,000 bushels. Since the weather has become warm and rain abundant corn has made an unusually rapid growth, and, with the exception of some damage by bugs entering from adjacent wheat fields, the crop is free from insect depredation. The oats crop in a good many counties was cut short by chinch bugs, but generally thoughout

the State it is reported good. THE ten-year-old son of ex-Councilman McConnell, of Kansas City, Kan., was killed by a switch engine at Armour's

packing house the other day. Post-offices lately established in Kansas: Dillwyn, Stafford County; Dunavant, Jefferson County; Kelly, Nemaha County; Milo, Lincoln County; Wewoka, Kiowa County; Wherry, Rice County.

Scott City has a new bank. JUDGE SHIRAS, of the United States circuit court, at Dubuque. Iowa, has denied a new trial in the famous case of Sallie Hillman against the Mutual Life Insurance Company, the New York Life and the Connecticut Mutual Insurance Company. The three cases were consolidated. They are well known in legal and insurance circles and were brought nine years ago in Kansas to recover the policies held by plaintiff's husband. In the recent trial at Leavenworth the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$37,000.

THE post-offices at Ellis, Erie, Phillipsburg, Richfield and Wallace have become THE post-offices at Little Valley, McPherson County, and Sidney, Ness County,

ARTICLES of consolidation were filed recently with the Secretary of State between the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railway Company and the Chicago, Rock Island & Colorado Railway Company, of ganization to be the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railway Company, and the capital stock \$35,000,000.

THE Railroad Commission recently decided that where a township issues bonds to a railroad under the promise of station facilities the road must maintain such station even if the receipts are insufficient to

ALL accounts agree that crop prospects

A DELUGE.

A Downpour of Rain Floods the O. K. Creek Part of Kansas City.

Houses Washed From Their Foundstions and Children Reported Missing-Narrow Escapes.

Salvation Army Man Drowned at Washington-Two Children Drowned in New Hampshire.

Kansas City, Mo., July 9.-A terrido rain storm swept down on the city last night at ten o'clock and continued for forty minutes with all the fury of a cloud burst. Thousands of dollars' damage was done, houses were flooded and washed away along the tortuous channel of O. K. creek, and at one o'clock this morning four children were reported missing, two of them being Ethel and George, children of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Williamson, of Twenty-At this point O. K. creek was like a

mountain torrent. It lifted three frame houses from their foundations and filled them with eight feet of water. A rescuing party was organized by J. B. Brinkley, of Iwenty-fourth and Vine streets, and the families imperiled were rescued with the exception of the children who were reported missing. The fire department was called out, but could venture no nearer than within three blocks of the scene Eighteenth street was flooded to a depth of from three and a baif to four feet be-

tween Vine and Campbell streets. While the rain was descending it resembled river. The surrounding premises were submerged to about the same depth. Cellars were filled and first floors stood four feet below the water. Foundations were weakened and frame buildings fairly groaned and tottered from the pressure of the water.

The sky was black and the night was almost impenetrable to the eye in the ravines where the creeks did so much damage. The rescuing party had a great deal of difficulty in accomplishing its work expeditiously and at the same time with safe-

y. William A. Brown, of Twenty-first and Harrison streets, who ventured out without a lantern to the assistance of some relatives in the wrecked house plunged into a ravine, almost eighteen feet deep, and barely escaped serious injuries. His shouler was dislocated and his fact and neck were badly bruised.

People living along Eighteenth street in the flooded district were wild with fright and either hurried into the street or sought upper stories. During the excitement on Eighteenth street, between Troost and Eighteenth street, plunged through & broken sidewalk into six feet of water in the cellar of J. H. Kay's undertaking establishment. She was barely saved from drowning by Mr. Kay himself, who saw the accident.

three frame houses were swept awar, until | 'cy which permits competition between convict all the tenants were removed. They were scattered about among hospitable neighboring families, and it was impossible to secure all their names. Joe Graham, a colored man living at Twenty-second street and Prospect avenue, was one of the rescuing party. He said that he helped to extricate the Williamson family, and that the surviving members had a very narrow

The houses submerged stood near the junction of the two branches of O. K. creek. A culvert which was not large enough to carry off the water in one of the branches dammed up and this caused the tig overflow. The houses were filled with almost eight feet of water and were wrenched off their supports. The escapes made were narrow ones. The Williamson family occupied the house. Mrs. Williamson had been very ill for some time and she was bysterical over the absence of her two children whom she said had been drowned. Mr. Williamson was also great-

Between Tracy and Troost avenues in the ravine near Twenty-second street a frame house occupied by James McHenry, his wife and two daughters was lifted from its foundation and filled with six feet of water. The immates were removed in safety to the residence of William C. Masters, where they were provided with

shelter for the night. It was rumored that four children had been drowned in this ravine alone, but the rumors could not be traced to any reliable foundation. The residents of Tracy avenue were awakened with the ories of the women and children for help and gladly offered them shelter for the night. After the waters had subsided organiz d parties of men with lanterns searched the ravine, but trict, John H. Schaeffer, of Jewell City, a more promising condition at this date. so much mud had been washed down from the billsides that it was impossible to find

any traces of former habitations. SALVATION MAN DROWNED. Washington, July 9 .- The male members of the Salvation Army went out to the Eastern branch, Saturday afternoon, for a bathing frolic. The party was in charge of Captain Joseph Davis, and the men were having a glorious time in the water. Captain Davis was looked upon as a very expert swimmer, and some of the army peoole having requested him to show how far out he could swim he started, but before reaching the middle of the channel, he sank. When he rose to the surface he called for help and several of his followers hastened to his aid, but before they could reach him he sank and did not rise again. After searching for about an hour the

TWO CHILDREN DROWNED. LACONIA, N. H., July 9 .- While a party of two ladies and four children were crossing a bridge on the way from Weirs to Governors' Island, Lake Winnipiseogee, esterday, the horse became frightened and backed the carriage into the lake. Two children, Carrie and Arthur Brockelback, of Boston, Mass., were drowned. Mrs. J. F. Dudley, of New York, was badly injured by a kick from the horse. The others were rescued with difficulty.

-Honiton lace has a curious, checkered

body was recovered and carried to the

history. It is said to have been first introduced by the Flemish, who took refuge in England to escape the persecutions of the Duke of Alva. Many Flemish names are still to be found in the neighborhood of Honiton. In 1660 there was such a demand for it that France thought it necessary to issue a royal ordinance providing that a mark be affixed to imported English thread lace. The two great fires at Honiton in 1756 and 1767 gave the first great check to its production. Queen Adelaide tried to revive it after twenty years of severe depression by ordering a skirt made of sprigs, copies of natural flowers, commencing with the initials of her name. This does not seem to have produced a great revival of the trade, and when our present Queen required her wedding lace it was found difficult to provide the workers; but eventually a dress worth £1,000 was made at the small fishing village of Beer. The English royal family have been most constant patrons of Honiton lace, and bave done immense good in keeping the trade alive. We will end by quoting a few quaint words from Fuller's "Devoushire Worthies:" "Hereby many children who otherwise would be burdensome to the parish prove beneficial to their parents. Yes, many lame in the limbs and impotent in all their arms, if able in their fingers, gain a livelihood thereby; not to say that it saveth many thousands of pounds yearly, formerly sent over seas to fetch laces in Flanders."-Saturday Review.

KANSAS DEMOCRATS.

Meeting of the Democratic State Convention-The Platform and Ticket. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., July 5 .- The Democratic State convention organized yesterday by the election of Judge John M. Galloway, of Fort Scott, as chairman. The several committees were appointed and an day afternoon, wrecking several buildings adjournment taken until the evening, at and seriously injuring six person, three of which time the platform committee agreed whom will die. The following are the which time the platform committee agreed

The evening session was called to order at 8:30 p. m. The committee on resolutions was not then prepared to report.

A motion was made to immediately proseed with the nomination of State officers. At the suggestion of the chairman a substitute was offered by Mr. Dillon, of Kearney, providing for a committee of three to scalded; will recover. John Staab, about wait upon the resolution committee and as- 25 years of age, arms, face and body badly certain what their progress was, and when a report could be expected.

Taylor, the colored ex-Minister of Li. seriously. A large number of others, beria, was called out. He declared the Democrats had treated the negroes better than Republicans had treated them The committee on resolutions, through its chairman, Mayor Neeley, then presented

its report, as follows: First-That we reaffirm and indorse the decaration of principles set forth in the National Democratic platforms adopted at Chicago in 884 and at St. Louis in June, 1888.

prove the action of the National Democratic side. convention held at St. Louis in June last in the renomination of that honest, capable and rearless statesman, Grover Cleveland, for the office of President of the United States, and for the wisdom and prudence displayed in the nomination of that accomplished leader, sterling patriot and stalwart Democrat, Allen G. Thurmon, for the office of Vice-President,

to the voters of Kansas the President's message | blown against Wetzel's residence, sixty to Congress, embodying his views on the ques- feet away, and the side of the house tion of tariff reform, and adopted by the St. crushed in. Pieces of the boiler flew in Louis convention as being a true interpretation every direction. One section was carried of the principles of the Democratic platform on the question of the tariff which favors taxing the luxuries and not the necessaries of life. Fourth-We are opposed to all sumptuary laws as being vicious in principle and unsuc-

cessful in practice: also the action of the Republican party of Kansas in passing the law for the establishment of a Metropolitan police system in certain cities in this State, and for its road freight car in two. inequitable and unfair application and enforcement of the same for purely political reasons. We denounce the system as being partial, unjust and undemocratic. It is a substantial denial of home rule and the right of local selfgovernment. It impeaches the intelligence, challenges the integrity and denies the patriotism of the people affected by it. It brands them individually and collectively as being ignorant, vicious, dishonest and corrupt, and for the recovery of at least three of them. wholly incapable of self-government, and we demand the repeal of the law.

Fifth-We now are, as we always have been unalterably opposed to wrong, to injustice, and tyranny, in whatever form it may exist, whether political or social, and we therefore deeply sympathize with the gallant people of Ireland in their righteous and glorious struggle for selfgovernment on their native soil. We extend to general trade of the Fourth of July holihem our hearty sympathy and bid them God day, of the customary diversion of attenspeed in their great contest for liberty, and we tion to stock inventories, has been to relikewise extend to the long suffering and op- strict business in many lines. Special tel-Tracy avenues, where the water was the pressed laboring men of this country our earnest deepest, Mrs. E. A. Shody, of 1205 East sympathy in their contest with the soulless and selfish monopolies, corporations and trusts, created or operated for the purpose, or with the effect of reducing to a condition of servitude City, St. Joseph, Omaha and Chicago. the laboring men and women of this country, Louisville and Denver are exceptions, and we pledge them the support of the Demo- with reports of improvements and accratic party in the passage and enforcement of | tivity in the distribution of merchandise. all just measures that may be necessary and The crop prospects, as reported at The fire department did not arrive at proper for the protection and promotion of their Omaha, St. Joseph, Louisville and St. Twenty-fourth and Vine streets, where rights, and we oppose any system of State poland Chinese labor and the labor of the free

American workman Sixth-We favor the abolition of the grand jury system as a useless and unnecessary measure which adds greatly to the burdens of a tax- higher, and principally on crop reports, ridden people, and we demand its repeal as oppressive and inquisitorial legal machinery.

The platform caused a heated discussion, in which all the leading Democrats took the movement. Bonds are strong and in part. The discussion came up on an good demand. Money is easy. amendment by Glick asking asking for the re-submission of the Prohibition amendment. The amendment was finelly voted ipon and rejected by a vote of 237 to 18. rendered idle has been overestimated. The As passed the platform is practically to. statement telegraphed from Pittsburgh same as that of two years ago, saving the that 100,000 men had been rendered idle is plank demanding the re-submission of the exaggerated. To date seventeen milis have Prohibitory amendment to a vote of the signed the scale and agreed to pay the old people, which was eliminated.

The full ticket nominated was as follows: expected to sign the scale in ten days. The For Governor-John Martin, of Topeka. Lieutenant-Governor-H. Miles Moore, of

State Treasurer-W. H. White of Counil Grove

Attorney-General-C. F. Diffenbacher, of Great Bend. Superintendent of Public Instruction-C. M. Cole, of Phillipsburg. Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

-W. P. Campbell, of Wichita. The chair before adjournment announced he following as members of the Democratic State Central Committee at large, First district, Edward Carroll, of Leavesworth; Second district, John C. Cannon, of Mound City, Linn County; Third district, J. M. Walker, of Howard, Elk County; Fourth district, Henry D. Dickson, of State, the wheat crop being already secured; Neosho Falls, Woodson County; Fifth dis- also a fair oats crop and corn has never been in Jewell County; Seventh district, H. G.

Isler, of Wichita, Sedgwick County.

Brakes Fail to Work. WELLINGTON, Kan., July 5 .- Yesterday morning at 8:06 o'clock at the junction southwest of the city, the Rock Island passenger, No. 2, north bound, ran into a Santa Fe freight, No. 424, coming east. The Rock Island engine struck the freight tender, throwing it and the Santa Fe engine off the track and damaged them considerably. No one was seriously injured. Charley Hedden, conductor of the freight, was cut about the head. Sherman Lpher, en gineer of the freight, in trying to save his engine, was caught and went down with it but grawled out from under the wrecked engine with but few scratches. The Rock Island engineer, A. S. Artist, claims to have whistled for brakes and the t. ainmon

say the brakes would not work.

Killed by Lightning. St. Paul, Minn., July 4.-It appears the the electrical storm which visited this w cinity Sunday was of intense severity throughout the Northwest. Numerous houses were struck and destroyed by lightning and at least half a dozen people lost their lives. The loss of life was all on the prairies, where the storm had a sleap | tinuing plentiful will remove all apprehensions

-"That article in yesterday's paper does me an injustice, sir, and I want it corrected." said an irate business man to the editor. "What was the incorrect statement asked the editor. "It from 38 to 48 East Eighteenth street and said I was about to reduce my work- running through to Seventeenth street. men's wages five per cent. It is The flames started in the bookbinding eswrong, sir, and I demand a correction. It does me a rank injustice, sir a rank injustice." "What was wrong Company occupied that part of the buildabout it?" "It should have been ten ing on Seventeenth street. The Everett per cent., sir; not five per cent."- House adjoins the building, and great America.

-A Kansas church has hit upon a under control. The whole up shrewd scheme for increasing its col- out. The Everett House was not burned. lections. It has selected a number of pretty girls as collectors, and now the returns are very heavy, for if a fair plate-passer sees any reluctance on the part of gentlemen visitors to contribute, she simply smiles pleasanly upon him and motions it the direction of the plate. He can't resist, and usually puts in a quarter at least.

-There may be no "lightning calculators" among the feathered tribe, but we see it stated that the sparrows FEARFUL EXPLOSION.

Terrible Effect of a Boiler Explosion at Allegheny City, Pa. PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 7.-A battery of boilers at the tannery of A. & J. Groetsinger on River avenue, Allegheny City, exploded shortly after four o'clock yesternames of the injured and their condition: William Wetzel, engineer, aged 30 years, leg blown off and terribly burned; will die. Christ Neidt, aged 27 years, bruised and scalded; injuries believed to be fatal. L. L. Farbye, aged 43 years, burned, bruised and scalded; death probable. Otto Berghaendler, aged 28 years, bruised and burned; not fatally hurt. Annie Myers, aged 12 years, crushed and bruised very

mostly employes, were slightly bruised and cut by being struck by flying debris. The cause of the explosion is believed to have been high pressure, as a few minutes after four o'clock Engineer Wetzel noticed that the pressure was higher than usual and started for the fornace to turn down the natural gas. Before he had time to do so, however, there was a terrible explosion and he was blown up through the roof Second-That we most heartily ratify and ap- of the tannery and landed in the yard out-

One side of the main building, a brick and frame structure, 100 feet long, was blown out and a portion of the front badly wrecked. The boiler house, fifty feet long by forty-two wide, built of brick, was totally demolished, and the office, situated across the street, was completely shat-Third-We carnestly indorse and commend tered. A heavy double wagon was across the Allegheny river, a distance of over one thousand feet. Another piece struck the Third Ward school house, twelve hundred feet away, and tore out one end of the building. A third piece struck a horse and killed it, and a fourth piece at

Fully sixty men were at work, and ail who were able to do so rushed panic stricken from the building. The building caught fire, but before the flames got much headway they were extinguished. The injured were then taken from the wreck and removed to their homes. They are still living but very slight hopes are entertained

THE COUNTRY'S TRADE.

Bradstreet's Weekly Review of Trade-Ex-

tent of the Great Strike. NEW YORK, July 7 .- Bradstreet's, in its review of the week, says: The effect on egrams to Bradstreet's note these features particularly at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Kansas come from Gaiveston and New Orleans, with the exception of cotton in Louisiana, where there has been too much rain. The New York stock market is more active and though the influence of the July disbursements and a feeling of reaction from the long continued depression have a share in

Our investigation into the Amalgamated Iron and Steel Association strike indicate that the number of men on strike and rate of wages. Four or five other mills are

number of men on strike is about 50,000. The reports of business failures number 149 in the United States this week against Secretary-Allen G. Thurman, of Par- 204 last week, and 141 the same week last year. Canada has 10 this week against State Auditor-W.oH. Wilhite, of Paola, 25 last week. The total number of failures in the United States from January 1

to date is 5,401 against 5,243 in 1887. KANSAS CROPS.

Secretary Mohler Issues Another Favorable Report. TOPEKA, Kan., July 7 .- Hon. M. Mohler, ecretary of the Kansas State Board of

Agriculture, issues the following official circular to-day: Reports now in from about 600 correspond representing nearly every county in the State, clearly indicate that the expectations of the early spring, based upon the favorable condition then, are about to be realized in our

Wheat-The acreage of wheat as shown by the assessor's return already received at this office, has been overestimated about 150,000 acres for the State and ten per cent. of the acreage sown in the full of 1887 is reported not barvested, leaving still the acreage which was not harvested about 100,000 acres. Of the acreage harvested the average yield per acre of the State is estimated at seventeen and one-half bushels, being two and one-half bushels higher than we estimated it a month ago, indicating a

total wheat product for the State of 17,500,000 bushels. Corn-Since the weather has become warm and rain abundant corn has made an unusually rapid growth, and, with the exception of some damage by bugs entering from adjacent wheat fields, the crop is free from insect depredation. Outs-The oats crop in a good many counties was cut short by chinch bugs, but generally throughout the State it is reported good. Summary-Condition as compared with a full average crop: Corn, full average, 99.1; oats, average, 82; rye, average, 90; barley, 82; potatoes, 85; broom corn, full average, 96; flaxseed, full average, 92; sorghum, 97 per cent.; millet,

90; tame grass, full average, 86; prairie grass, full average, 95; apples, full average, 89. Rainfall and chinch bugs-Throughout the month of June, especially the last half of the month rains have been abundant in every section of the State, with the exception of a few counties in the western portion. Fifty counties report "no bugs to hurt." The balance report some damage to corn crops. Rains con-

of loss to this crop from these destructive in-

A Big Blaze. NEW YORK, July 7 .- Shortly before one e'clock this morning flames broke out on the top floor of the building extending tablishment of George W. Alexander on that floor, and extended through the upper part of the building. The Century Magazine alarm ensued among the guests. After doing a damage of about \$150,000 the fire was tending from street to street was burned

He Blundered. WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 7 .- Near Nanticoke yesterday morning two passenger trains, running at good speed in opposite directions on the same track, plunged into each other, demolishing both engines and causing considerable damage. The passengers on both trains were badly shaken up, some thirty of them being slightly in-

jured, though none are fatally hurt. The accident was due to a blunder of the train dispatcher named Baidleman, who neglected to hold the north bound train at Nanticoke. On learning that an accident multiply very rapidly. - Norristown was about to occur owing to his carelessness he disappeared and has not been seen